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Dave and Laura W:

Nancy Grantham just called and said she needs responses ASAP to the 3 questions below from Matt Brown (AP). She said this is part of a larger set of questions from Matt, most of which were pulled from existing Q&As, but the questions below still need responses.

Can you please send me whatever responses you've already got on these questions?

If you don't already have anything prepared, can you please pull something together ASAP?

Rich Mylott thought some of these may have been discussed with Steve Way on Friday but I don't know the details or I'd take a stab myself. However, if someone has notes I can review that would answer these questions, I'm happy to pull together a draft.

Thanks and please let me know if we can help in any way and sorry if this duplicates any requests you may have received from Paula on this request.

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1. Further details on the decision not to use a drill rig to check water conditions inside Gold King. Specifically, please provide any cost estimate(s) of using a drill rig at the site, an explanation of how timing was a factor, details of what safety and technical issues were at play.
2. Regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Evaluation of the Gold King spill, pages 44 and 45 include mention of communications between the EPA OSC and BOR's Mike Gobla. The OSC apparently told Mr. Gobla he was "unsure about the plans for the Gold King Mine" and requested an outside review of the EPA?DRMS plans. Prior to a planned meeting with Mr. Gobla on Aug. 14, according to the report, work at the mine began. The report also mentions the EPA OSC going on vacation. What was the OSC unsure about? Why did the work begin prior to the planned meeting with BOR? How the OSC's upcoming vacation factor in to all this?
3. Attachment to this message is an email chain that discusses purchase of a piezometer, presumably for testing water pressure. Was this intended for use at Gold King mine? Was it obtained? Was it used? If so, what were the results? Would it be used in conjunction with drilling a bore hole or is that not necessary?